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SUBJECT: US SALE OF AIRCRAFT AND DESTROYERS TO CHILE

1. SANTIAGO PRESS GAVE CONSIDERABLE COVERAGE TO REPORTED SALES OF F-5 AND A-37 AIRCRAFT TO CHILE, ALL BASED ON US WIRE SERVICES EXCEPT FOR OCT 8 REPORTS FROM CHILEAN AIR FORCE (FACH) SOURCES. FACH CINC AND JUNTA MEMBER GENERAL GUSTAVO LEIGH CONFIRMED REPORTS, EMPHASIZING THAT PURCHASES WERE UNDER REGULAR PLAN FOR MODERNIZING MATERIEL. "HIGH" FACH SOURCE TOLD PRESS PERU HAD MADE "SIMILAR" BUY TO REPLACE ITS OLD AIRCRAFT AND ADDED THAT CHILEAN-PERUVIAN RELATIONS ARE EXCELLENT. ONE PAPER OCT 10 INCLUDED SHORT REPORT ON AMBASSADOR HEITMANN'S STATEMENT (CHILEAN AMB IN WASHINGTON) ON THEME OF NEW MATERIEL FOR OLD AND THAT PERU AND ARGENTINA HAVE MORE ADVANCED MIRAGE.

2. "LA TERCERA" OCT 10 REPORTED FROM NAVY SOURCES IN VALPARAISO CHILEAN ACQUISITION OF TWO US DESTROYERS ("ZENTENO" AND "PORTALES") TO REPLACE TWO SHIPS LONG OUT OF SERVICE. SAID
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CONTACT FOR ACQUISITION HAD BEEN MADE MORE THAN YEAR AGO.

3. COMMENT: CHILEANS TAKE SOUND LINE OF EMPHASIZING NORMALITY
OF PURCHASES.
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